

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR  
*SIN OF THE CENTURY, PART 1: HELPING OURSELVES*

Introduction, Jeremiah 17:9

1. Share evidences that a person has a distorted view of reality.
2. Share examples of people who have made bad decisions because of a distorted view of reality. If you feel free to do so, share one of your own.
3. What are some of the bad consequences of this for the world and the church?

Romans 1:25

1. How has modern culture pushed God to the periphery of life and thought?
2. How have you seen modern culture make man the measure of all things?
3. What are the cultural evidences of freedom from authority and God? How have they impacted you personally? How have you overcome this impact?
4. Have you observed a sense of freedom from history? How so? How does this change the way we do things as a nation? as a family? as the church?
5. How have people grappled with the death toll of the 20th century [i.e. more war dead than all previous centuries combined, millions of abortions, extinction of species, etc.]?

Genesis 1:1

1. Some 90% of American agree with the statement: "God created the world." Do you think that the behavior of Americans reveals a genuine belief in that truth? Why or why not?
2. Have you met people who use the same words as Christians but have completely different meanings for them? Why do you think they do that, i.e. how does it help them? What can you say to them?
3. Give examples of the loss of the capacity and the willingness for people to live in a created meaningful order of truth and morality.

Hebrews 11:6, 1 Peter 5:6, Luke 9:62

1. Read the above Scriptures one at a time and discuss how the Lord critiques our postmodern tendencies.
2. In what ways has the church embraced postmodern tendencies?
3. How should the church adapt to the issue of postmodernity in order to minister effectively during these days?

Revelation 1:12-18

1. Why do you think John fell down like a dead man? Was it forced on him?
2. How do you think the glory of Christ gets obscured by the postmodern tendencies of our culture?
3. Do you think you would worship Christ better if you could see some miracles?

Luke 16:31, Hebrews 4:12

1. What passages of Scripture have spoken to you powerfully of the nature and glory of Christ?
2. How do these passages impact the way you live in a daily basis?
3. Are there devotional practices which help you reverse the corrosive effects of modernity and postmodernity in your own life? Share these with the group.